

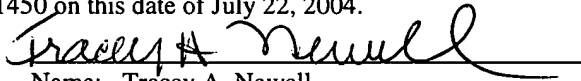
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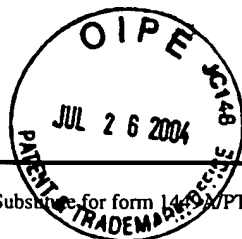


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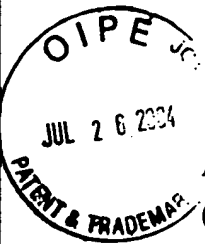
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As a result of the examination, [it is found that] Republic of China Patent Publication No. 460355 (publication date: October 21, 2001), "Apparatus for Transferring Micro-Balls," discloses that micro-balls are held by a suction force at the recessed part of the suction head, and moved between the suction location, transfer location, and suction-head replacement location by utilizing the support frame. The technique of sucking conductive balls using the suction head and transferring the conductive balls to the conductive pad by means of a driving mechanism in the present application clearly corresponds to [the technique used] in the above-mentioned cited example. Accordingly, a person skilled in the art could easily contrive [the invention of the present application].

The cited example, "Apparatus for Transferring Micro-Balls," involves a technique whereby micro-balls are attached by suction and then transferred from the recessed part on the surface of the palette to the recessed part of the suction head. Based on the content disclosed in this cited example (as is shown in Figure 3), we think that the recessed suction part (20) of the suction head and the recessed part (2) on the surface of the palette (3) in this cited example do not fit the description in Claim 1 of the present application, which states, "paths physically separated from one another."